

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph no. 0001 (beginning at page 1, line 6 of the instant patent application) with the following rewritten paragraph:

—[0001] The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Pat. Appl. No. _____
60/473,360 (~~Attorney Docket No. 040130-050000~~), entitled "FOOTWEAR PIECES AND
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING SUCH," filed May 23, 2003 and assigned to an entity
common herewith; and U.S. Provisional Pat. Appl. No. _____ 60/473,371 (~~Attorney~~
~~Docket No. 040130-051000~~), entitled "METHODS AND COMPOSITES FOR
MANUFACTURING FOOTWEAR PIECES," also filed May 23, 2003 and assigned to an entity
common herewith. Further, the present application is related to U.S. Pat. Appl. No. _____
10/602,416 (~~Attorney Docket No. 040130-050010~~), entitled "FOOTWEAR PIECES AND
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING SUCH", filed on a date even herewith and assigned to
an entity common herewith. The entirety of each of the aforementioned patent applications are
incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.—